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Letter dated 30 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the attacks on Iraqi territory in the unlawful no-flight zones by United States and British aircraft are continuing. On 23 October 2000, such aircraft bombarded the Hammam al-Alil area in Ninawa Governorate with missiles and an American-made air-to-surface missile impacted in a cultivated area there. It fragmented on impact with the ground, and one piece fell on the home of a local resident, Mushrif Sayil Yasin. As'ad Ali Sultan, a 24-year old civilian employed as a clerk at the Hammam al-Alil cement factory, was wounded, the home of Mushrif Sayil suffered miscellaneous damage, and damage was also done to crops.

As it condemns this wanton aggression against the sovereignty of Iraq and against its citizens and their property, the Government of the Republic of Iraq considers that the United States of America and the United Kingdom, as well as those countries that provide logistic support for this aggression, namely Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Turkey, must be held internationally responsible for actions that are in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law. In accordance with the principle of international responsibility, the Government of Iraq also affirms its legally established right to seek compensation for the damage it has sustained as a result of these acts of aggression. It urges you to attend to the duties assigned to you under the Charter by endeavouring to halt this aggression and these monstrous crimes and to ensure that they do not recur.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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